

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Yankee Springs Township Hall**  
**284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333**  
**MINUTES**

**FINAL MINUTES**  
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**YS BOT – Regular Mtg.**  
**5/9/19**

Approved June 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PLEDGE**

**Roll Call:** All Present: Jansma, J. Lippert, L. Knowles, Englerth, VandenBerg.

**Staff Present:** Frank Fiala, Sandy Marcukaitis, Ron Heilman, Richard Beukema

**ROLL CALL**

**Visitors:** 6 (not including staff present).

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

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**Remove from New Business** (which says Review 4 Year Plan - #14 on tonight's agenda). All ayes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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**Approval of Consent Agenda Minutes:**

- a. Minutes of **March 14, 2019** as amended
- b. Minutes of: **April 11, 2019, April 17, 2019**
- c. April 2019 **Accounts Payable Check Register** #915172 through #915215 in the amount of \$66,756.36.
- d. **3-31-19 Payroll #6466, 6467, 6468, net \$956.67. #6469 Void- No value.**
- e. **April 2019 Payroll Check Register** #6470-6490. In the amount of \$10,728.80 NET.
- f. **EFT \$266.73 Sprint**
- g. **EFT \$2,965.18 State & Federal Payroll Taxes**
- h. **Total Disbursements: \$81,682.74**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to approve the Consent agenda for tonight's meeting as presented with minutes of March 14, 2019 included. Roll Call:*

*Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.*

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (7:02 p.m.)**

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

(\*Public Comment can be heard on the meeting audio at the 3 minute mark).

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**Gloria Medendorp, of Vista Point**, read and provided a statement: see attachment.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

**Rob Blitchok, Superintendent of Thornapple-Kellogg Schools** commented that he was available anytime. Blitchok noted that he loves the school district. Updates were given.

**Barry County Commissioner, Vivian Conner** gave the County Commissioner's report. **Written report provided.**

**Sandy Marcukaitis re: Park update, Signage for Township**

S. Marcukaitis noted the township newsletter is ready for final print. It should be out in the mail a week from Monday.

The grant of \$3,976 was requested, with the board approving the additional 25% for electric at the park, if the grant is received.

S. Marcukaitis commented that other townships and government buildings are identified by a sign. Our township does not have a sign. S. Marcukaitis passed around a quote received today for a possible sign for the front of our building. Englerth commented that it could be on the agenda of the board's next workshop. The board consented to this.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer**

- a. April 2019 Financial Statement & Investment Report
  - b. April 2019 Receipt Report
  - c. GLASWA Report
  - d. Road Commission will seal cracks in subdivisions. \$25,000 allocated
  - e. Report on Burnham Flowers Insurance Policy Renewal
- The insurance agent will be coming to make a presentation in June. (Bd. Meeting of 6/13/19).

**Motion by Lippert with support from Knowles to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report for April 2019. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Office Renovation** (Tabled from Feb. 14, 2019 meeting). Advertised for a construction manager. CD Barnes requested bid specs on April 22, 2019. NO further correspondence from them.

**Motion by Knowles with support from Jansma to set up meeting with Fleis & VandenBrink regarding renovation plans for the township hall/office building. All ayes.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. **Proposals for irrigation at the Fire Station presented by Scott Havens.** Tabled on March 14, 2019, and April 11, 2019, to be tabled again in May.

**Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to table proposal for irrigation. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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**ACKNOWLEDGE-  
MENT OF  
VISITORS:**

**Rob Blitchok,  
Superintendent of  
Thornapple-  
Kellogg Schools**

**Barry County  
Commissioner,  
Vivian Conner**

**Sandy  
Marcukaitis re:  
Park update,  
Signage for  
Township**

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT: Alice  
Jansma, Treasurer**

**BOARD  
ACTION ITEMS:**

**MOTION to Set up  
Meeting with Fleis  
& VandenBrink.**

**MOTION to  
TABLE  
Proposals for  
Irrigation.**

<p>c. <b><u>Crack seal cost at the Township Hall, FS &amp; Park \$5,000.00</u></b></p> <p><i>Motion by Knowles with support from Englerth to table action on bid from the County (Road Commission) for crack seal work. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 3 of 5 YS BOT – Regular Mtg. 5/9/19</p>
<p>d. <b><u>Ordinance Amendment re: Private Roads (Copy of Township Private Roads attached).</u></b></p> <p>Discussion took place. F. Fiala commented on the reasoning behind the Planning Commission’s recommendation. S. Vandenberg commented on the PC’s recommendation as well.</p>	<p>MOTION to TABLE action on cracked seal bid.</p>
<p><i>Motion by S. Vandenberg with support from Jansma to adopt Ordinance # 05-01-2019 presented by the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p>	<p>MOTION to ADOPT Private Road Ordinance.</p>
<p>e. <b><u>Share cost of light at Bass and Patterson with Thornapple Township. Cost not available.</u></b> No action required at this time. Lippert commented that M. Bremer commented on Thornapple Township paying half.</p>	
<p>f. <b><u>Present Amended General Fund Budget: prepared by A. Jansma, Treasurer.</u></b></p> <p><i>Motion by Knowles with support by Vandenberg to approve amended General Fund Budget as presented. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p>	<p>Motions to Approve Budget Amendments</p>
<p><b><u>FUND 103 Fire Equipment Purchase Fund:</u></b></p>	
<p><i>Motion by Lippert with support from Vandenberg to approve amendment of Fire Equipment Purchase Fund 103 to \$82,000 (Both Total Revenue &amp; Total Expenses-each). Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED</i></p>	<p><b><u>103 Fire Equipment Purchase Fund</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Fund 202 Special Assessment Fund:</u></b></p>	
<p><i>Motion by Lippert with support from Vandenberg to approve amendment of Special Assessment Fund to \$30,000 (Both Total Revenue &amp; Total Expenses-each). Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED</i></p>	<p><b><u>202 Special Assessment Fund</u></b></p>
<p><i>A. Jansma commented that Barlow had a fund balance, and Barlow’s expenditures would come out of the fund balance.</i></p>	
<p><b><u>FUND 208 – Veteran’s Memorial Fund:</u></b></p>	
<p><i>Motion by J. Lippert with support from Vandenberg to amend Veteran’s Memorial Fund Revenues to Total Revenue of \$11,505 and Total Expenditures of \$11,000. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED</i></p>	<p><b><u>208 – Veteran’s Memorial Fund</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>FUND 302 Liquor License:</u></b></p>	

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Knowles to amend Liquor Control Fund to \$2,500 or (both Total Revenue: \$2,500 and Total Expenditures: \$2,500). Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED

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A. Jansma noted the attached Revenue and Expenditure Report. Percentage of Budget Used (so far) was noted for each line item.

302 Liquor License

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

- Report on Delton School Bond Election.
- April 2019 PCI Report
- YSTFD April Statistics
- Current Invoice Register to Date: for Approval
- Board Members copy of Bauckham, Sparks' most recent bill.

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to approve current invoice register (5/9/19) for the amount of \$62,030.92. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Current Register.

\*Reminder noted by Lippert regarding upcoming MSU Citizen's Planner seminar to be attended by: C. Strickland, F. Fiala, R. Beukema, R. Heilman, L. Knowles, and S. Bush.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Gravel Road Tour report: Given by L. Knowles. A. Jansma and L. Knowles met with the Road Commission on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the road tour.

TRUSTEE REPORT: L. Knowles

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth

- Veterans' Memorial Update – Need detailed site plan. See Above minutes of April 17, 2019/Consent Agenda
- Monthly Code enforcement report from Brad Williams
- Set Meetings in late spring for:
  1. Funneling Update: Englerth commented that it was on the radar to sit down and finalize what direction the board wants to go (on funneling).
  2. Wind generator report: Englerth commented that the experts say that nothing is really on the radar for Barry County. Englerth commented to table the matter as this point in time- unless there's a lot more concern or interest from the community. Englerth commented that those interested need to contact the Planning Commission or Board of Trustees.
- Update on streetlights at Patterson and Bass Intersection; YS Meadows & Patterson.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth

\*Special Meeting tomorrow, 5/10/19, at noon for Board of Trustees. Meeting is regarding recycling. Sarah Archer will be available for consultation at the meeting. Trustee VandenBerg mentioned that he would not be able to attend.

YS Clean-Up Update: M. Englerth gave update on the Clean-up activities of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board members, Knowles and VandenBerg were present. Ron Heilman of the ZBA, was in attendance as well. Julie Calley, Andru Jevicks from the State Park, and Randy Heinze from the State Game Area were at the Clean-up, also. R. Heilman commented on the trash

found at the gun range. Englerth commented that the range has actually improved – it has less trash than in prior years.

**Cuddy Drain Update** was given by M. Englerth. Revisiting may be done to the previous Sandy Beach project.

**Memorial Day Service, Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Fire Station.** Englerth invited volunteers to contact him.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Limit 3 Minutes):

S. Marcukaitis commented on the upcoming ZBA meeting this Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Jake Welch and Ron Heilman needing to be reappointed. Englerth commented that he has spoke with both Welch and Heilman and they will continue in their positions until they have replacements.

Marcukaitis mentioned the crack sealing at the park, and if electricity is put in, the pavement may have to be opened up and then re-surfaced. Englerth commented that putting it back will be part of the scope of the project.

Marcukaitis also referred to page 9 of the April 11, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes. Marcukaitis mentioned Mrs. Medendorp (who commented earlier in the meeting), and noted that Mrs. Medendorp brought up professionalism. Marcukaitis mentioned she wanted to bring attention to page 9 and the language that was used at the table by Trustee VandenBerg. “As a professional, I don’t think it’s appropriate. I know that you (S. VandenBerg) want everything always documented in the minutes, and as a taxpayer, I just look at- if I’m reading these minutes, I would be offended,” added S. Marcukaitis.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT:**

**Review 4 year plan.** \$100,000 per year Road Commission. *(Removed from tonight’s agenda).*

**Next Agenda Setting Meeting for June Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

L. Knowles will advise Board of **meeting date with Fleis and VandenBerg regarding office renovation.**

L. Knowles distributed **Road Commission information from the Road Tour** to board members.

*Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 5/9/19 immediately following meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Knowles with support from VandenBerg to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:  
Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 5/9/19

Date: Approved by Bd Trustees June 13, 2019

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

Since there was no public discussion at last month's meeting of Jan Lippert's deception, I would like to discuss it further tonight. I not only see what Lippert did as deception, but also manipulation. I see she was not alone with that deception. It's very apparent that Lippert, Knowles, and Jansma were all culpable in that lie. You Jan Lippert can call it misspeaking on your part all you want but let's call it what it was, a deliberate lie to manipulate a situation you three didn't like. With no proof given on that deception, it can only be assumed that it was a personal issue. You three are not fooling anyone.

You, Larry Knowles, felt that you needed an attorney present at that meeting, why would anyone need to bring an attorney, unless they needed to defend their actions. Alice Jansmaa, after being asked to step aside of the G.L.S.W.A position, and have it given back to the supervisor after your lie was discovered, you refused.

This situation appears to be planned and calculated, and eerily similar to the time Jan, Alice, and Roger Rottshafer stripped Englerth of supervisor duties a few years back, again with no proof of any wrongdoing. What happened to the days of civil discussion and respecting an elected position? Anyone who lies cannot be trusted by this community. To manipulate for control is despicable, and shows a person's true character and lack of conscience.

Jan Lippert, this is not the first time your honesty and character have been questioned while serving on the board. Now, I also question Larry Knowles and Alice Jansmaa's character as well. Anything you three do or say going forward, will be suspect in my mind. Any position of authority should be served with honesty and trustworthiness, hence the title "Trustee".

I would like to remind you Larry Knowles of your comments made in the Hastings Banner on October 27, 2018 while running for the trustee position:

1. Your belief is that the board should focus on Township issues and not personal issues.
2. The board needs to increase transparency.
3. Ensure that board members act on behalf of the Township.
4. Board members need to act professionally.

Now is the time to start acting professionally, because your actions do not match your words. I have heard from others in the community that they know this board is corrupt. I also hold this belief and I will continue to let others know that this board is corrupt.

I'm sure that all I have said here tonight will fall on deaf ears because of a lack of conscience, but my expectation is that "a man will reap what he sows".

Gloria Medendorp

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